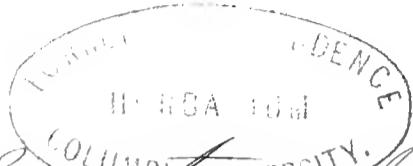


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Dear Sir

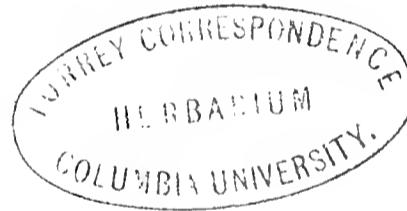


I have determined for some time to communicate with you but have put it off from time to time in hopes of having something worth troubling you with but as I happen to have a copy of Pursh's Flora which once belonged to Douglas and which contains a few notes made by him I have thought it better to transcribe them in case there may be anything useful to you which I hardly expect. I have not copied Dutcher's Notes as are already given on his authority in your work; nor a number of species which have merely a date and his initials attached - I suspect from the superior sources of information in your Flora that there will be nothing new in these extracts.

In the course of my duty as an Adj'tant Major of Her Majesty's army I have been moved about to various parts of Canada during the last two years - from the late Despatch Territory to my present Station here. I hope to remain during the summer - I should be happy to furnish you with a list of the species I have met with and it would give me still greater pleasure to send you duplicates of any plants you might desire - I have 2 or 300 species to our Edinburgh Bot^l Society and suspect now that I did not deserve for you and Dr Gray such species as I thought interesting - as however they are submitted to my friend Prof Balfour of Glasgow as well as to my old preceptor Dr Graham I will hear if there be anything new among them - These were all from Canada East - Of course my nomenclature is very defective as I had only Pursh and Eaton's Manual and have none else yet for the orders not yet published by you - I trust soon to see some more parts for it is unsatisfactory work without it - Of the plants which I have found lately near the Falls, the most interesting to me are *Hedonia glabra* - *Myrsophyllum heterophyllum* - *Lindorma attenuata?* - *Rasturium suspicuum*.

Munularia macrostoma - *Galerucaria fusciphodes* - *Thyspium*
barbodes - *Syzygium bermudianum* - I had a species
taller than aueps and agreeing with the characters in Eaton
a *Pentstemon* which I cannot name - like *jubatus*, *lukhtanus*,
ochroleucus, and some others - On the line of the Rideau Canal
in May I got *Taraxacum retrofracta* - *Clematis verticillaris*
Polygala gracilifolia & - but of course almost every thing I find
is new and interesting to a comparative stranger in the country
as I am - By the way do you care of opinion that *Scleria*
infata is an introduced plant - I found it in profusion
last summer on the mountains or hills rather round
Lake Temiscouata near the frontier on the St John and then
I hardly think it could have been imported - Whether you or
Dr Gray think of anything in the way of collecting &c that I
can do here I shall be most happy and anything owing
to you, a letter directed to MacLagam, Medical Staff
Phippsway, Canada West, will find me - Believe me Sir
very truly yours
Philip J. MacLagam

Prof Torrey
New York -



I hope you will excuse me introducing myself but I daresay
if I had delayed I might have got a regular introduction from
some of the members of our Society -